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NITRO UPDATE
**PICKERING, MO., FELON INDICTED
FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Pickering, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for being a felon in possession of several firearms. Today's indictment, Graves said, is the result of work completed by the NITRO Task Force.

Timothy Paul Frampton, 40, of Pickering, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City for being a felon in possession of three firearms.

The federal indictment alleges that **Frampton** was in possession of a Stevens Little Scout .22 caliber rifle with no serial number, a Winchester .22 caliber rifle and a Remington Arms .243 caliber rifle between Jan. 1, 2003, and May 23, 2003, in Nodaway County, Mo., and Buchanan County, Mo.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce Rhoades. It was investigated by the Nodaway County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Nodaway County, Mo., Prosecutor's Office and the NITRO Task Force. NITRO is the Northwest Missouri Interagency Team Response Operation, a joint law enforcement effort by the United States Attorney's Office and federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in the 16-county region.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

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